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Montana
Fish and Game Commission

FISHING MAP
1961-1962

Regulations On Reverse Side

Be a Good Woodsman — Use Care with Fires — Leave a Clean Camp. Good Sportsmen Observe the Rights of Landowners — Ask Permission to Hunt or Fish on Private Land.

IT IS UNLAWFUL

1. To empty a minnow bucket (release live fish) or otherwise transplant or introduce any fish or fish eggs into any waters.

2. To take fish in any manner except by angling with a single pole and/or line in hand or under immediate control unless specifically authorized by fishing regulations.

3. To refuse to show license on demand.

4. To loan or transfer your fishing or hunting license or tags to any person.

5. To take or ship game or game fish out of the State without a properly filled out shipping permit.

6. To sell fish except as prescribed by Montana Fish and Game Commission regulations.

7. To leave or dump any dead animal, fish, garbage or litter in or on any public recreation property, including lakes, streams and campgrounds.

8. To use or possess minnow seines or traps, snares, or fish traps unless specified under area regulations.

9. To use any carbide, lime, giant powder, dynamite, or other explosive compounds, or any corrosive or narcotic poison or to have any of the same in one's possession within one hundred (100) feet of any stream where fish are found, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish.

10. To operate a boat upon Montana waters which is not properly licensed, carrying one adequate life preserver for each passenger and carrying fire extinguishers as required by State law.

11. To use, sell or have in possession salmon eggs or other fish spawn or any imitation thereof.

FISHING LICENSES AND FEES

Resident Bird and Fish License (Class A)	$ 3.00
Non-resident Seasonal Fishing License	10.00
Non-resident 6-Day Limited Fishing	3.00
Non-resident Big Game, Birds and Fishing	100.00

All Aliens May Purchase Non-resident Licenses.

No person may remove game fish from the state without a shipping permit.

Shipping permits may be obtained from license dealer or agents or from the Montana Fish and Game Department, Helena, Montana.

Shipping Permits	$ .60

One shipping permit is attached to the non-resident fishing license.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Montana resident citizens 15 through 69 years old must have a license to fish.

Montana resident citizens 70 years and older need not have a license to fish but must carry proof of age.

All non-residents 15 years and older must have a license to fish.

PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of any order, rule or regulation of the State Fish and Game Commission made pursuant to the authority given said Commission by any of the laws of Montana, particularly including Sections 26-101 to 26-1306, and all acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto shall, unless a different punishment is expressly provided by law for such violation, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars ($25.00), nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and in addition thereto such person shall, in the discretion of the court, forfeit his license and privileges to hunt, fish or trap within this state for a period of sixteen (16) months from the date of his or her conviction.

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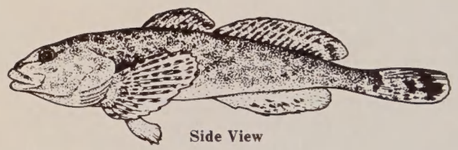

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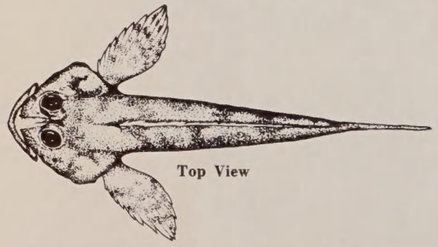

Top View

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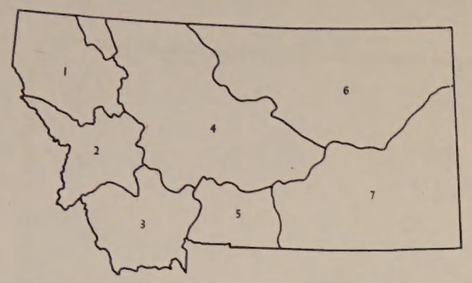
FISHERMEN NOTICE!

Fishing cannot be greatly improved until the Fish and Game Commission has more information available. One of the greatest needs is catch data. Sportsmen interested in cooperating to improve fishing are requested to mail a card to the Helena Office asking for a Fisherman's Log in which they may enter their catch records. Please do not make this request out of curiosity, but only if you are truly interested in cooperating by keeping an account of your catch records.



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Montana
Fish and Game Commission

FISHING REGULATIONS
1961-1962

Effective May 21, 1961

To be in full force and effect through May 19, 1962, unless otherwise specified. All regulations, except state laws, are subject to change by the Commission. For up-to-date information, inquire of the local State Fish and Game Warden.

General state-wide provisions for limits, seasons, fishing hours, means of taking fish, etc., are specified below. Specific regulations are given herein under seven areas. The area in which you intend to fish may be determined from the map. The statewide regulations which follow apply except where otherwise specified under area regulations.

LICENSE

A fishing license is a permit to kill, trap, possess or fish for any fish within the state as authorized by fishing regulations.

SEASONS

All dates given are inclusive dates. Where dates specify an open season, fishing is closed throughout the remainder of the year. An open season is for all species unless otherwise specified. Only whitefish may be taken during the WINTER WHITEFISH SEASON allowed in certain area regulations.

HOURS OF FISHING

Regular fishing hours: Open from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time, in all waters including waters open entire year, unless otherwise specified.

Kokanee snagging, when permitted, will be open from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time, unless otherwise specified.

Set line fishing, when permitted, will be at all hours.

GENERAL DAILY LIMITS AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Daily limit shall mean the numbers and/or pounds of fish that may be legally killed, captured, or taken during the legal hours of a day.

Possession limit shall mean the numbers and/or pounds of fish which may be in possession in any form, fresh, stored in freezers or lockers, salted, smoked, dried, canned or otherwise preserved at any time or in any place or manner.

One each of the following limits may be taken and possessed. No person shall take or possess more than the daily limit of fish unless otherwise specified. Weight limits to be computed by dressed weight with heads and tails intact, provided that two (2) fish may be caught regardless of weight limitation.

Limit Number 1. **Trout, Char, Salmon and Grayling:** Ten (10) fish not to exceed ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish.

Limit Number 2. **Whitefish:** Twenty (20) fish.

Limit Number 3. **Walleye Pike, Sauger, Northern Pike and Bass:** Fifteen (15) fish not to exceed fifteen (15) pounds and one (1) fish.

Limit Number 4. **Snagging of Kokanee** (sockeye salmon): The daily limit during snagging season designated under area regulations shall be thirty-five (35) fish and not more than two (2) days' limit will be allowed in possession.

Limit Number 5. **Non-Game Fish:** No limit.

GAME FISH

All species of the family Salmonidae (chars, trout and salmon); all species of the family Thymallidae (grayling); all species of the family Coregonidae (whitefish); all species of the genus Stizostedion (sand pike or sauger, and walleye pike or yellow pike-perch); all species of the genus Esox (northern pike, pickerel and muskellunge); all species of the genus Micropterus (bass).

NON-GAME FISH

All species of fish not listed under "Game Fish" are non-game fish.

MEANS OF TAKING

Only a single line and hook or hooks with or without a pole may be used for fishing unless otherwise specified in these regulations. Pole or line must be in immediate control.

Set lines shall not be permitted unless specifically stated under area regulations and no more than six (6) lines with no more than six (6) hooks per line shall be allowed per person.

Snagging of fish is unlawful at all times except as provided in specific area regulations under **Snagging of Kokanee.** Here snagging of kokanee with a combination of hooks shall be permitted.

Fishing for (or hunting of) carp shall be allowed with a bow and arrow. The use of crossbows and mechanical bows shall be prohibited.

SKIN DIVING AND SPEAR FISHING: See special regulations available from Montana Fish and Game Department.

Use or possession of minnow seines or traps, snares, or fish traps is unlawful unless specified under area regulations. Except a screen, not to exceed 4 feet by 4 feet, may be used to take sculpins (Cottus) for bait.

BAIT: It shall be prohibited for any person to transport, possess, and/or use for fish bait any fish, dead or alive, except as hereinafter provided under drainage area regulations. All waters of the state shall be closed to fishing with carp and goldfish. (This regulation shall not apply to the use of cut bait for fish bait nor to the use of commercially canned fish). In areas where sculpins (Cottus) may be used for bait, they may be taken with window screen or a piece of netting not to exceed four (4) feet in length.

It shall be prohibited for any person to introduce any food or substance that may concentrate or attract fish into any waters. (This does not prohibit angling for fish with legal lures and baits or placing bait inside hoop nets where hoop nets are permitted).

CLOSED WATERS

All waters operated by the Fish and Game Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as fish hatcheries, rearing ponds, and the fish culture stations within the state shall be closed to fishing at all times. Unless otherwise specified under drainage area, National Wildlife Refuges are closed to fishing.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS: Waters so designated in area regulations are closed to fishing during the entire year to persons thirteen (13) years of age and over.

BEAVER PONDS

Impoundments formed by beaver dams on a stream are governed by the same regulations as the stream.

AREA NO. 1
Northwestern Montana

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE BELOW THE MOUTH OF THE FLATHEAD RIVER, FLATHEAD RIVER AND KOOTENAI RIVER DRAINAGES

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: In the Clark Fork River Drainage—Clark Fork River five hundred (500) yards below Noxon Rapids Dam as posted.

In the Flathead River Drainage—South Fork of the Flathead River downstream from Hungry Horse Dam to the "Devil's Elbow," as posted. Swan River from the hydroelectric plant to the old highway bridge. Herrig Creek, tributary of Little Bitterroot Lake. Rand, Green Mountain, and Fish Creeks tributaries of Ashley Lake. Donaldson and Freeland Creeks tributaries of Lake Mary Ronan. Smith Lake north of Whitefish Lake. Rogers Lake and Lauri Lake. Haskell Creek and tributaries from the Whitefish public water intake to its source. Big Creek, Coal Creek, Whale Creek, and their tributary streams. Trail Creek (Yakinikak) from where it comes out of the ground, approximately five (5) miles above the North Fork Road, to the North Fork of the Flathead River. Hell Roaring Creek, water supply for Polson, and its lakes from the outlet of the lower lake to its source. Crow Creek and its tributaries above the intake for the Ronan water supply to its source. Mission Creek from Mission Lake to the St. Ignatius public water supply intake. South Fork of Jocko River and all its tributaries including Crazy Fish Lake. Hot Springs Creek and its tributaries from the Hot Springs public water supply intake to its source. Ashley Creek from the Thompson Falls public water supply intake to its source.

In the Kootenai River Drainage—Flower Creek and its artificial impoundments from the Power Dam to its source, excluding the natural lakes. O'Brien Creek from the intake of the city water supply for Troy to its source.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR: All lakes and reservoirs in Area No. 1 except Lake Mary Ronan, Kilbrennan Lake, Stryker Lake (Fish Lake), Ninepipe and Pablo Reservoirs (see below). All lakes and reservoirs shall be closed 300 feet in any direction from the mouths of tributaries from March 1 to the opening day of the tributary streams. This does not apply to seepage areas, or to waters on the Ninepipe and Pablo Bird Refuges. Flathead Lake is excluded from the three hundred (300) foot provision, and instead that portion of the lake two thousand (2,000) feet into the lake in every direction from where the Flathead and Swan Rivers enter the lake shall be closed from March 1 through May 19.

In addition the following rivers, but not their tributaries, will be open the entire year: Flathead River below Kerr Dam, Kootenai River and Clark Fork River.

OPEN MAY 21 through NOVEMBER 30: All streams unless otherwise specified and Lake Mary Ronan.

OPEN JUNE 18 through NOVEMBER 30: South Fork of the Flathead River and all its tributaries, excluding Hungry Horse Reservoir. The tributaries of the North Fork and Middle Fork of the Flathead River, except those closed the entire year. Jocko River and its tributaries above the mouth of the South Fork of the Jocko River.

SPECIAL SEASONS: Kilbrennan Lake and Stryker Lake (Fish Lake) shall be open from May 21 through October 1.

Regulations for Ninepipe and Pablo Bird Refuges Waters open except:

1. All waters closed during migratory waterfowl hunting season.
2. All waters are closed from March 1 through July 15 except that portion of Ninepipe Refuge from and including the main dike along the north shore to the Allentown bridge and that portion of the refuge east of Highway 93.

WINTER WHITEFISH SEASON: December 1 through March 31: Thompson River, Bull River, Yaak River, Fisher River below Highway No. 2 bridge.

SNAGGING OF KOKANEE: October 1 through December 31: All waters unless otherwise specified (see OTHER below). On Flathead Lake the hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS: The following waters, as posted, will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under, **from May 21 through November 30:** The waters located on Ray E. Meadows property near Thompson Falls. The Troy Rod and Gun Club's annual kids pond.

SET LINE FISHING: Kootenai River for ling and sturgeon only.

SMALL FISH FOR BAIT: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

OTHER: The minimum size of Dolly Varden (bull trout) which may be taken in Flathead Lake and its tributary drainages shall be eighteen (18) inches with head and tail intact.

The daily limit of kokanee (sockeye salmon) shall be thirty-five (35) fish during the entire year and two days' limit shall be allowed in possession, except for Lake Mary Ronan where the General Daily Limits and the Possession Limits shall apply.

The following areas on Flathead Lake shall be closed to fishing during the kokanee (sockeye salmon) spawn taking operations from October 1 through December 31, as posted and extending three hundred (300) feet into the lake: 1) an area of shoreline seven hundred fifty (750) feet along Crescent Bay near Rollins Bay, 2) five hundred (500) feet of shoreline along the Somers Hatchery Bay, and 3) the shoreline of the East Shore of Flathead Lake near the Polson (Station Creek) Fish Hatchery from Dr. Richard's northern property line to the Thometz Boat Dock on the south.

AREA NO. 2
West Central Montana

CLARK FORK RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Clark Fork River Drainage above the mouth of the Flathead River).

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: Silver Creek and Packer Creek near Saltese above their water supply dams.

Rattlesnake Creek and tributary streams from the Missoula water supply dam of the Montana Power Company to its source.

Fred Burr Lake, Philipsburg water supply. Basin Creek from the lower Butte water supply reservoir dam to its source, including all reservoirs and tributaries. Flint Creek from the Skalkaho Road upstream approximately one (1) mile to the irrigation weirs as posted. Big Spring in Georgetown Lake in an area designated by piles or buoys for a distance of two hundred (200) feet north and south of the shoreline out into the lake. Miller Creek near Missoula. Clark Fork River from County Bridge at Garrison to Rock Creek Bridge.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR: All lakes and reservoirs unless otherwise specified. Clark Fork River below Milltown Dam. The main Clearwater River from the fish barrier below Rainy Lake to Salmon Lake.

OPEN MAY 21 through NOVEMBER 30: All streams and rivers unless otherwise specified and Echo Lake.

OPEN JUNE 18 through NOVEMBER 30: Streams, lakes and rivers of the Clearwater drainage upstream from fish barrier below Rainy Lake. The Little Blackfoot drainage from the Helena Lions Sunshine Camp to its source.

SPECIAL SEASONS: Georgetown Lake—(Except within a three hundred (300) foot radius of the mouth of Flint Creek, and except as specified under Closed Entire Year). Open to fishing from June 25 through October 31. Open to fishing on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays from December 10 through February 25, and closed the remainder of the year. Ice fishing shelters on Georgetown Lake are governed by special regulations available from the Montana Fish and Game Department.

Georgetown Lake Tributaries: (Stewart Mill Creek, Hardtla Creek, Flint Creek above the lake and that portion of the lake within a three hundred (300) foot radius of the mouth of Flint Creek). Open to fishing from July 30 through October 31 and closed the remainder of the year.

WINTER WHITEFISH SEASON December 1 through March 31: St. Regis River and Fish Creek near Superior. Blackfoot River Drainage below Lincoln. West Fork, East Fork and main Bitterroot Rivers. Little Blackfoot River below Elliston highway bridge. Rock Creek (east of Missoula) below the Skalkaho road. Clark Fork River from Bonner Dam upstream to Rock Creek Bridge.

SNAGGING OF KOKANEE October 1 through December 31: Clearwater drainage downstream from fish barrier below Rainy Lake.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS: The following waters, as posted, will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under, **from May 21 through November 30:** Geyser Slough above the upper Rock Creek Lodge pond. Bell Creek from Harrison Avenue to the Butte Country Club property line. Two-Mile Pond above St. Regis. Thompson and Flat Creeks near Superior.

SET LINE FISHING: None.

SMALL FISH FOR BAIT: Use not allowed except for sculpins (Cottus).

OTHER: There shall be no daily or possession limit on eastern brook trout in Trask (Hidden) Lakes and Thompson (Goat) Lakes west of Deer Lodge. Silver Lake south of Saltese and Diamond Lake south of superior.

The daily and the possession limit on grayling in Heart Lake near Lincoln shall be five (5) fish.

AREA NO. 3
Southwest Montana

JEFFERSON RIVER, MADISON RIVER AND GALLATIN RIVER DRAINAGES

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: In the Gallatin Drainage—That portion of Bozeman Creek (Sour Dough Creek) from the Settling Basin of the water supply for the city of Bozeman to its source, including all tributaries and Mystic Lake. Lyman Creek from the Bozeman water intake to its source.

In the Madison Drainage—Hebgen Dam gate control tower and outlet structure as posted.

In the Beaverhead Drainage—Indian Creek and its tributaries from the Sheridan public water supply intake to its source.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR: The Gallatin River below the Trident Bridge (County Bridge No. 5). Jefferson River downstream from iron rod Highway 41 bridge near Silver Star. Madison River below Ennis Lake and Ennis Lake to the permanent marker three hundred (300) feet below the Madison River inlet.

OPEN MAY 21 through NOVEMBER 30: All waters unless otherwise specified.

SPECIAL SEASONS: The South Fork of the Madison River downstream from the U.S. 191 bridge, and the waters within the Manhattan Game Preserve shall be open from May 21 through September 30. Hebgen Lake and Ruby Reservoir shall be open from May 21 through November 30. In addition they shall be open from December 1 through March 31 on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays only. Regular limits shall apply. The following waters shall be open from June 25 through November 30: All streams in the drainage of Upper Red Rock Lake not on the Red Rock Lakes Migratory Waterfowl Refuge; Hidden, Goose and Otter Lakes draining into the Cliff Lake drainage. Lake Agnes (near Melrose) shall be open from July 16 through November 30.

Regulations for Red Rock Lakes Migratory Waterfowl Refuge:

1. Closed Entire Year: Upper Red Rock Lake, Lower Red Rock Lake, Swan Lake, Red Rock River between Upper and Lower Red Rock Lakes, and all waters within 100 yards of the above listed areas. Red Rock Creek above Upper Red Rock Lake within the refuge.
2. Open May 21 through November 30 for all species: Culver Pond (Widow's Pool), MacDonald Pond, and Shambow Pond.
3. Open last Sunday in June through November 30 for all species: Those waters on the refuge not designated in 1 or 2 above.

WINTER WHITEFISH SEASON December 1 through March 31: East, West and main Gallatin Rivers, Ruby River below Ruby Dam. Big Hole River below Squaw Creek Bridge. Beaverhead River, Jefferson River upstream from Iron Rod Highway 41 bridge near Silver Star. Red Rock River below Red Rock Lake. Cliff Lake.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS: The following waters as posted will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under, from **May 21 through November 30:** Lott's Slough or drain ditch from its source to the old road crossing one (1) mile north of Twin Bridges. Pond in Lindley Park, Bozeman. Virginia City Pond.

SET LINE FISHING: None.

SMALL FISH FOR BAIT: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

OTHER: Fishing from or with the aid of boats or other floating craft or devices is prohibited in the Madison River from and including Earthquake Lake to Varney Bridge.

AREA NO. 4
Central Montana

UPPER MISSOURI RIVER, UPPER MUSSELSHELL RIVER, DEARBORN RIVER, SUN RIVER, TETON RIVER, MARIAS RIVER, ST. MARY RIVER AND UPPER MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri River and tributary drainages from Three Forks to, and including the Marias River, tributary drainages of the Missouri River on the south side from the Marias, to but not including the Musselshell River; the Musselshell River and tributary drainages above the bridge at Mosby; the St. Mary River and tributary drainages and the Milk River and tributary drainages in Glacier County).

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: Midvale Creek and the intake reservoir from the intake of the Glacier Park Hotel Company water supply to the Glacier Park boundary. O'Brien Creek above Neihart public water supply intake. Spillway and outlet works at Tiber Dam as posted. Inlet of main Nilan Reservoir and inlet of the small lake lying west of the reservoir as posted. Freezeout and Priest Lakes in Teton County. The Missouri River immediately below Holter Dam as posted, immediately below Canyon Ferry Dam as posted, and three hundred (300) feet below Toston Dam. That portion of Giant Springs at Great Falls enclosed by the concrete walks and masonry work. Flagstaff Creek and tributaries to Holliday Lake (Flagstaff Lake) in the Mussellshell drainage. Crater Lake (Boundary Lake) in Meagher County. Willow Creek and its tributaries from the White Sulphur Springs public water intake to its source.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR 5:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.: Missouri River and its main stem impoundments. Tintinger Sloughs near Cascade. Sun River below Diversion Dam. Pondera Coulee in Pondera County. Judith River below its confluence with Big Springs Creek. Duck, Mission, Four Horns, Lower Two Medicine and Lower St. Mary Lakes in Glacier County.

Open at all hours: The Missouri River from Cascade to Black Eagle Dam and below Morony Dam. Teton River below U.S. Highway 91. Marias River below posted area at Tiber Dam. Musselshell River below the bridge at Barber.

OPEN MAY 21 through NOVEMBER 30: All waters unless otherwise specified.

OPEN JUNE 18 through NOVEMBER 30: The inlet canal to Lake Francis from the Kunkle Drop to its mouth and a portion of Lake Francis included within a radius of three hundred (300) feet of the mouth of said canal. The inlet canal to Pishkun Reservoir below that portion known as the "well" and the inlet including the "well."

SPECIAL SEASONS: All lakes and reservoirs unless otherwise specified shall be open from May 21 through March 31. Kipps Lake in Glacier County shall be open from December 1 through March 31 and closed the balance of the year. Holliday Lake in Meagher County shall be open from January 1 through February 28 and closed the balance of the year. Pishkun and Willow Creek Reservoirs (near Augusta) shall be closed to fishing from March 1 through June 17 and during the migratory waterfowl hunting season. They shall be open the remainder of the year. Fishing from boats not allowed on west lake of Pishkun Reservoir. Arod Lakes shall be closed to fishing from March 1 through June 17 and open the remainder of the year. Split Rock Lake near Pishkun Reservoir shall be closed from May 21 through July 15 and open the remainder of the year.

WINTER WHITEFISH SEASON December 1 through March 31: Smith River below the confluence of the North and South Forks.

SNAGGING OF KOKANEE October 1 through December 31: Inlet canal from Kunkle Drop to Lake Francis. Lake Francis and the outlet stream for one-quarter (¼) mile below Lake Francis. Snagging hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS: The following waters, as posted, will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under **from May 21 through November 30:** Spring Creek from the Milwaukee bridge to Bryan Corbett fence below Choteau. Elk Creek (South Fork of Sun River) from the bridge on Highway 21 east of Augusta to the bridge on Highway 287. Izaac Walton Children's Pond (Old State Fairgrounds), Helena. Children's fishing pond on Malmstrom Air Force Base. **Open Entire Year:** Roy-Weter Lake near Browning.

SET LINE FISHING for all species December 1 through February 28: Missouri River and its main stream impoundments from and including Canyon Ferry Reservoir to Holter Dam. **Open Entire Year:** Missouri River from the bridge at Cascade to Black Eagle Dam and below Morony Dam; Teton River below U.S. Highway 91; Marias River below Pugsley's Bridge (first bridge below Tiber Dam); Musselshell River below the bridge at Barber.

SMALL FISH FOR BAIT: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

AREA NO. 5
South Central Montana

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER DRAINAGE (Defined as the Yellowstone River drainage above and including Clark Fork River).

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: The first West Fork of Rock Creek (Red Lodge water supply) from the mouth of Washoe Creek to Rock Creek.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR: Yellowstone River; Lindsay Lakes; Bluewater Creek; Cooney Reservoir; and Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River in Carbon County during the regular fishing hours, except for the portion of the Clark Fork open to set line fishing which shall be open at all hours.

OPEN MAY 21 through NOVEMBER 30: All waters unless otherwise specified.

WINTER WHITEFISH SEASON December 1 through March 31: Shields River below Wilsall, Boulder River below Natural bridge excluding tributaries.

SNAGGING OF KOKANEE October 1 through December 31: Dailey Lake, Lindsay Lake.

CHILDREN'S FISHING WATERS: The following waters, as posted, will be open to persons twelve (12) years of age and under from **May 21 through November 30:** Ball's Pond.

SET LINE FISHING: Clark Fork of the Yellowstone River from the bridge at Bridger to the Yellowstone River.

SMALL FISH FOR BAIT: Use not allowed except sculpins (Cottus).

OTHER: In lakes of the Beartooth Mountain area of Carbon and Stillwater Counties, and of that portion of Park County lying within the Clark Fork drainage (Cooke City area) the daily and the possession limit on all species of trout, char, and grayling shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish; except in Cooney Reservoir, East Rosebud, West Rosebud, Emerald, Crater, and No Ketchum Lakes where the daily limit and the possession limit shall be the same as Limits Number 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

The daily and the possession limit on eastern brook trout shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish in all of Area No. 5. This limit may be taken in addition to the limits of other species of fish.

AREA NO. 6
Northeastern Montana

LOWER MISSOURI RIVER, LOWER MUSSELSHELL RIVER AND MILK RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Missouri River drainage below the Musselshell River, the Missouri River and all drainages from the north which enter the Missouri River between the Marias River and the Musselshell River, the Milk River drainage, and Musselshell River and drainages below the bridge at Mosby).

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: The concrete walls and spillway structure below Fresno Dam and the city water supply intake as posted. That portion of the Missouri River between the outlet tunnels and the channel markers below the concrete apron of Fork Peck Dam. Wind Creek excluding Ross Reservoir, from Clear Creek road crossing to its source.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR: All waters shall be open at all hours unless otherwise specified.

OPEN MAY 21 through NOVEMBER 30: Streams south of Highway 2 which originate in the Bear Paw Mountains.

SPECIAL SEASONS: Such portions of the waters of Medicine Lake which shall be designated by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall be open July 1 through September 15 and November 15 through March 31. Beaver Creek Reservoir shall be open May 21 through March 31.

SET LINE FISHING: Open at all hours during the entire year for all species of fish in the following waters only: Missouri River, Fork Peck Reservoir, Musselshell River below Mosby, Milk River and its impoundments including Fresno Reservoir and Nelson Reservoir.

HOOP NETS: Hoop nets without wings or leads may be used to take non-game fish only, in the Milk River downstream from U.S. Highway No. 2 bridge below Dodson Dam (except from Vandalia Dam to a point one-quarter mile downstream) and in the Missouri River below the mouth of Milk River. The minimum mesh size of the nets shall be 1-inch square and the mouth shall not exceed 16 feet in circumference or perimeter. Each net must be clearly marked with the owner's name and address. Fishing license required.

MINNOW SEINES AND TRAPS AND SMALL FISH FOR BAIT: Use of sculpins (Cottus) allowed in all waters. Use of other small fish allowed in the following waters only: Missouri River, Fort Peck Reservoir, Milk River below Fresno Reservoir, Nelson Reservoir, Poplar River, West Fork of Poplar River, Raymond Reservoir, all waters within the Fort Peck Reservation.

Where use of minnows for fishing is allowed, minnows of non-game species may be taken:

(1) With a seine not to exceed twelve (12) feet in length, three (3) feet in width, and one-quarter (¼) inch mesh; or

(2) With minnow traps not to exceed eighteen (18) inches in length and ten (10) inches in diameter.

AREA NO. 7
Southeastern Montana

LOWER YELLOWSTONE RIVER AND LITTLE MISSOURI RIVER DRAINAGES (Defined as the Yellowstone River drainage below and excluding the Clark Fork River, and all other drainages in Montana southeast of the Yellowstone River).

CLOSED ENTIRE YEAR: None.

OPEN ENTIRE YEAR: All waters at all hours except Lamesteer Reservoir, tributary streams of the Big Horn and Little Big Horn Rivers, and the Little Big Horn River above Highway 87 at the Francis Eggart Ranch.

Branum Lake (Miles City Fish Pond) and the Tongue River Drainage above the Highway 8 bridge at Ashland shall be open only during regular fishing hours.

OPEN MAY 21 through NOVEMBER 30: Tributary streams of the Big Horn and Little Big Horn Rivers, and the Little Big Horn River above the Highway 87 bridge at the Francis Eggart Ranch. Sage Creek.

SPECIAL SEASONS: Lamesteer Reservoir open the last Sunday in June through April 14, except for the migratory waterfowl hunting season.

SET LINE FISHING: All rivers and creeks for all species of fish except the tributaries to the Big Horn River; Pryor Creek; the Yellowstone River from the mouth of the Powder River to the U.S. Highway 10 bridge at Fallon and from Intake Dam near Savage to the ferry cable; the Tongue River drainage above the Highway 8 bridge at Ashland. All ponds, reservoirs, and lakes in Area No. 7 are closed to set line fishing.

MINNOW SEINES AND TRAPS AND SMALL FISH FOR BAIT: Use of sculpins (Cottus) allowed in all waters. Use of other small fish allowed in waters open to set line fishing and the Yellowstone River. Minnow seines and traps where allowed shall conform to rules prescribed under Drainage Area No. 6.

OTHER: The daily and the possession limit on eastern brook trout shall be ten (10) pounds and one (1) fish. This limit may be taken in addition to the limits on other species of fish.

Please Note: The following streams on Tribal Lands in the Crow Indian Reservation are reserved by the Tribal Council for fishing by Indians only, and will be enforced by the Tribal Council. North Fork of Lodge Grass Creek, Black Canyon Creek, Bull Elk Creek, and Devils Canyon Creek in their entirety; Lodge Grass Creek from the mouth of the Canyon to the Wyoming line; Pryor Creek from headwaters to the Wilson Ranch Line Fence; Sage Creek from the first Bridge below the Forest Service boundary to the Forest Service boundary; Dryhead Creek, the lower five miles; further described as being in grazing units Numbers 25, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, and portions of units 24, 29, 32, and 33. Further information may be secured from the Department of the Interior, Crow Indian Agency, Crow Agency, Montana.